IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#6/

USA PCT National Stage Patent Application PCT/EP03/03869 filed April 14, 2003

Udo Suffa

Serial No.: 10/512,007

First Submission Filed: October 18, 2004

SELF-CLOSING VALVE

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING ON LAST PAGE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend this application simultaneously with filing the accompanying translation for this USA National Stage application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

An abstract is presented on a separate sheet herewith.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.